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Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of Personnel

Management.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The following Office of Personnel Management (OPM) regulations are scheduled for development or review from October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999. This agenda carries out OPM's responsibilities to publish a semiannual agenda under E.O. 12866 "Regulatory Planning and Review" and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6). This publication in the **Federal Register** does not impose a binding obligation on the Office of Personnel Management with regard to any specific item on the agenda. Regulatory action in addition to the items listed is not precluded.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For this edition of OPM's regulatory agenda, the most important significant regulatory actions are included in The Regulatory Plan, which appears in part II of this issue of the **Federal Register**. The Regulatory Plan entries are listed in the table of contents below and are denoted by a bracketed bold reference, which directs the reader to the appropriate sequence number in part II.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management. **Janice R. Lachance**, *Director*.

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4089	Reduction in Force; Retreat Rights	3206-AG77
4090	Reduction in Force and Mandatory Temporary Exceptions	3206-AH64
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4093	Revised Application Procedures for Disability Retirement Under CSRS and FERS	3206-AH68
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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM)

Prerule Stage

3995. AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552 Freedom

of Information Act

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 294 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rulemaking will make minor changes to subpart A of 5 CFR 294, Availability of Official Information Act. The rulemaking will provide additional information on the definition of terms used in the search and review process, update office addresses , and clarify that any written

request that meets the specified marking and content requirements will be recognized as an official FOIA request. These changes are designed to benefit the public by providing updated information on where to direct FOIA requests, and improve the wording of the regulation to fully and accurately meet the provisions of the FOIA. There will be no significant change to the existing operational procedures in place at OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/00/99	
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG92

OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM)

Proposed Rule Stage

3996. PERSONNEL RECORDS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552; 5 USC 4315; EO 12107; 5 USC 1103; 5 USC 1104; 5 USC 1302; EO 9830; 5 USC

2951; 5 USC 3301

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 293 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulatory changes will update the requirements for maintaining employee personnel records and clarify requirements for maintaining employee medical records.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH24

3997. EMPLOYMENT IN THE **EXCEPTED SERVICE**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 8151; EO

10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 302 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The revised regulations will make it easier for agencies to understand how to run the excepted service employment system, and thus create better and more efficient employment procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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3998. CAREER AND CAREER-**CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENT UNDER SPECIAL AUTHORITIES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 3304(d); 5 USC 8151; 5 USC 11219; EO 10577; EO 12034; EO 12721; 22 USC 2506; 22 USC

3651; 22 USC 3652 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 315 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revises a group of special appointment authorities to clarify requirements and to eliminate obsolete provisions. Also adds authorities for specific noncompetitive appointments authorities by law.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	
Regulatory Flexibility Analysis		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Diane Tyrrell, Employment Service, Office of Personnel Management, Staffing Reinvention Office, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415

Phone: 202 606-0830 TDD: 202 606-0023 Fax: 202 606-2329 **RIN:** 3206-AG90

3999. NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER PEACE **CORPS AND VISTA VOLUNTEERS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: EO 11103; 42 USC

5055

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 315 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Updates authority that grants former Peace Corps and Vista volunteers an eligibility for

noncompetitive appointment to the

Federal Competitive Service. Eliminates reference to the abolished ACTION agency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Mike Carmichael, Employment Service, Staffing Reinvention Office, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW.,

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4000. ● PROBATION ON INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO A COMPETITIVE **POSITION**

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 146 in Part II of this issue of the

Federal Register. RIN: 3206-AI47

4001. MERIT PROMOTION AND INTERNAL PLACEMENT

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 147 in Part II of this issue of the Federal Register.

RIN: 3206-AI20

4002. ● TAPER EMPLOYMENT -SPECIFIC AUTHORITY FOR WORKER **TRAINEE**

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 148 in Part II of this issue of the

Federal Register. RIN: 3206-AI45

4003. CLARIFICATION OF VARIOUS STAFFING PROVISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1202; 5 USC

3301: 5 USC 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330.403; 5 CFR 213.103(a); 5 CFR 300.501; 5 CFR 315.603(a); 5 CFR 315.608; 5 CFR 332.301; 5 CFR 338.202(3)

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revises several appointing authorities to make them clearer and to delete references to the former Federal Personnel Manual and other obsolete provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH49

4004. INTERAGENCY PLACEMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 1302; 5 USC

3310; 5 USC 3315

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 351;

5 CFR 332

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Implemented Interagency Placement Program, which superseded Displaced Employee Program and Interagency Placement Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/27/94	59 FR 32871
NPRM	10/00/98	
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI24

4005. ● REEMPLOYMENT PRIORITY

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 149 in Part II of this issue of the

Federal Register. RIN: 3206-AI34

4006. ● CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE FOR SURPLUS AND DISPLACED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302; 5 USC

3301; 5 USC 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing interim regulations to make permanent the Government's current career transition assistance programs which assist Federal employees displaced from their jobs by downsizing.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4007. ● CLARIFICATION OF HIRING AUTHORITIES

Regulatory Plan: This entry is Seq. No. 150 in Part II of this issue of the

Federal Register. RIN: 3206–AI46

4008. OTHER THAN FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT (PART-TIME, SEASONAL, INTERMITTENT)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 340; 5 CFR 110

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Grants agencies and

employees more flexibility by clarifying

agency authority to schedule part-time employees on a pay period, rather than weekly, basis; define job sharing; modify seasonal employment.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4009. RE-EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3582; 5 USC

3301; PL 103-296 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 352 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Updates provisions to conform to law allowing employees assigned to international organizations under certain conditions to maintain FERS and FICA retirement coverage; current regulations only mention CSRS retirement.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AI19

4010. ● DEMONSTRATION PROJECT AUTHORITY

Priority: Info./Admin./Other **Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in

the CFR to reduce burden or

duplication, or streamline

requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 47 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 470 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulatory changes will streamline the demonstration project process in the area of project

development and evaluation, and will address recent legislatively mandated permanent demonstration projects.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AI40

4011. CLASSIFICATION APPEALS OF GENERAL SCHEDULE EMPLOYEES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5112 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 511, subparts F

and G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The position classification appeals regulations require updating to reflect current organization nomenclature following a reorganization within OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	
NPRM Comment	07/00/99	
Period End		
Final Action	09/00/99	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None **Agency Contact:** Jeffrey D. Miller, Office of Merit Systems Oversight and

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Fax: 202 606-2663 RIN: 3206-AH38

4012. SUPERIOR QUALIFICATIONS APPOINTMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 5333 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 531 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revises regulations concerning the appointment of superior candidates above the minimum rate of pay for General Schedule positions. Clarifies and modifies what agencies should consider when making these superior qualifications appointments.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4013. MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES IN COMPENSATION REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5304; 5 USC 5365; 5 USC 5753; 5 USC 5527; 5 USC 5596; 5 USC 5941; 5 USC 5754; 5 USC 5307; 5 USC 5338; 5 USC 5548; 5 USC 5595; 5 USC 6101; Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (as amended), section 4(f); 5 USC 5941

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 530; 5 CFR 531; 5 CFR 536; 5 CFR 550; 5 CFR 551; 5 CFR 575; 5 CFR 610; 5 CFR 591

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed regulation would correct or clarify various regulatory provisions dealing with the compensation of Federal employees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	11/00/98	
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

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RIN: 3206-AH11

4014. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; CHANGING THE HELPER (TRADES) WG-5 SURVEY JOB FROM REQUIRED TO OPTIONAL

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM plans regulatory actions to remove the Helper (Trades) WG-5

Federal Wage System (FWS)

appropriated fund survey job from the list of required FWS survey jobs and add it to the list of optional FWS survey jobs. This change was

recommended by the Federal Prevailing

Rate Advisory Committee.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/99	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH81

4015. ● PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; ENVIRONMENTAL DIFFERENTIAL PAY FOR WORKING AT HIGH ALTITUDES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is proposing regulation to establish an 8 percent environmental differential pay (EDP) category for Federal Wage System (FWS) employees who work at landbased worksites located at more than 3900 (12,795) meters in altitude, provided such employees are required to commute to their worksites on the same day from a substantially lower altitude under circumstances in which the rapid change in altitude may result in acclimation problems. OPM is creating this new EDP category so that Federal agencies may provide additional compensation to FWS employees who are exposed to unusual health risks by these working conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/13/98	63 FR 54616
NPRM Comment Period End	11/12/98	
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI36

4016. JOB GRADING REVIEWS AND APPEALS OF FEDERAL WAGE SYSTEM EMPLOYEES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5112 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532, subpart G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The job grading reviews and appeals regulations require updating to reflect current organization nomenclature following a reorganization within OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	07/00/99	
Final Action	09/00/99	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AI14

4017. SEVERANCE PAY: MISCELLANEOUS

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 5595 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550, subpart G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed regulation would clarify or revise the severance pay rules relating to such issues as the creditability of service and the definition of "involuntary separation."

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/99	
Final Action	12/00/99	
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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH12

4018. PAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT (FLSA)

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5112 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 551, subparts A,

B, C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The FLSA regulations require

revision to correct minor

inconsistencies in terminology and phrasing, one incomplete citation, and

one incorrect reference.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/99	
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4019. ● REEMPLOYMENT OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN RETIRES TO MEET EXCEPTIONAL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5532; 5 USC 8344; 5 USC 8643

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 553 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Establishes criteria for granting exceptions for key positions in temporary organizations established by law or Executive order. This rule will also expand and clarify the criteria used in exercising this authority.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AI32

4020. AGENCY DETERMINATIONS ON PAYMENT OF RELOCATION COSTS

Priority: Other Significant Legal Authority: 5 USC 1103 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 572 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Provides criteria under which agencies may determine that relocation expenses will not be paid. Encourages as broad a competition for hiring as possible and expands employment opportunities for displaced Federal employees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4021. ● MISCELLANEOUS LEAVE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 6311 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 630

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel

Management is proposing miscellaneous changes to the leave regulations in 5 CFR part 630. The proposed changes will include clarifying provisions on the Federal

leave sharing provisions on the rederal leave sharing program, home leave and transfer of leave from/to the U.S. Postal Service; updating regulations to comply with new legislation requiring a lumpsum payment for annual leave for employees transferring from a Department of Defense (DOD) base that

is closing to another position; clarifying leave entitlements for employees who are under 90-day appointments or assigned part-time and intermittent work schedules; and other miscellaneous changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI44

4022. ● FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 6381 to 6387 **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 630, subpart L

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) most Federal employees are entitled to a total of 12 workweeks of unpaid leave during any 12-month period for certain family and medical needs. These regulations clarify the requirements of the FMLA and ensure that both employees' and agencies' rights are protected and their responsibilities fulfilled.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/13/98	63 FR 43325
NPRM Comment Period End	10/13/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI35

4023. FEDERAL EQUAL OPPORTUNITY RECRUITMENT PROGRAM (FEORP)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 4214

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 720 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Updates and simplifies reporting requirements to conform to court interpretations of law and to policy changes. Also takes advantage of improved technology.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH98

4024. DISABLED VETERANS AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM (DVAAP)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 4214

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 720 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Adjusts regulations to conform to latest revision in law and

clarifies technical issues.

Action Date FR Cite NPRM 12/00/98

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Timetable:

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RIN: 3206–AH99

4025. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH AND COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 7361; 5 USC

7362

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 792 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM is proposing to remove the following sentence which appears

in this part, "If an employee fails to participate in any rehabilitative program or, having participated, the employee fails to bring conduct or performance up to a satisfactory level, the agency shall evaluate the employee accordingly and initiate the appropriate performance-based or adverse action.' This sentence confuses or misleads agency management in dealing with employees who have an alcohol or drug abuse problem and whose job performance or conduct is affected as a result of their problem. Some agency officials believe that this sentence guarantees Federal employees, with these problems, two chances to avoid disciplinary and/or corrective action. We also propose to add a new section to this part which provides for the confidentiality of Employee Assistance Program (EAP) records and conversations between the counselor and the client. There are regulations which provide confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; however, there is no such regulation for other personal problems which affect Federal employees such as family, financial, marital, etc. Without this regulation, agency EAP administrators and counselors are not protected when they refuse to disclose information without the signed written consent of the EAP client.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
Final Action	03/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4026. RETIREMENT; CSRS AND FERS AMENDMENTS RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC

8461(g)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 841;

5 CFR 842

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement the special retirement provisions applicable to certain health care professionals employed by the Veterans Health Service and other designated agencies.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/99	
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG57

4027. RETIREMENT; CREDIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC

8461(g); 38 USC 4331

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 8347(a); 5 CFR 8461(g); 5 CFR 842.306; 5 CFR 842.307

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement changes in the treatment of certain military service under CSRS and FERS required under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/99	
Final Action	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG58

4028. RETIREMENT; DETERMINATIONS OF MARITAL STATUS FOR SURVIVOR ANNUITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347; 5 USC

8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 842;

5 CFR 843

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would establish the standards of evidence that OPM will require to prove entitlement to a survivor annuity as the surviving spouse of a deceased employee or retiree.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/00/99	
Final Action	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG60

4029. ● RETIREMENT; NATIONAL GUARD TECHNICIANS: ADJUSTMENTS TO ANNUITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347; 5 USC

8345(g)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations will amend the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) regulations to simplify the method of adjustment for the offset required for State benefits payable based on service as a National Guard Technician.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AI42

4030. RETIREMENT; SERVICE CREDIT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347 **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 831, subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would provide that no retirement credit could be granted for periods of service for which retirement deductions were refunded and not repaid even when the refund was paid based on an erroneous separation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
Final Action	03/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AH37

4031. RETIREMENT; WAIVER OF MILITARY RETIRED PAY TO ENHANCE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT ANNUITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8332(c)(4); 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8411(c)(5)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart C; 5 CFR 842, subpart C

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1997. The Act changed the statutory requirements for allowing credit under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees

Retirement System (FERS) for military service in certain situations. CSRS or FERS credit based on a waiver of military retired pay after January 1, 1997 is no longer permitted to adversely affect a former spouse with a court order on file affecting the military retired pay.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4032. RETIREMENT; ELIMINATION OF THE HEARING REQUIREMENT DURING ENFORCEMENT OF STATUTORY BAR TO ANNUITY AFTER CONVICTION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347; 5 USC

8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart K

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations will eliminate the requirement that OPM conduct a hearing before applying the statutory bar to annuity when an individual has been convicted of certain offenses.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
Final Action	03/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4033. RETIREMENT; STATE INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING INSTRUMENTALITIES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8345; 5 USC 8347; 5 USC 8461; 5 USC 8469

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart S; 5 CFR 841, subpart J

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations modify existing regulations to reflect changes designed to expand and streamline the process of withholding State income tax from CSRS and FERS annuities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Patricia A. Rochester, Retirement and Insurance Service, Retirement Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415

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4034. RETIREMENT; DEBT COLLECTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347; 5 USC

8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 835(e) Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations will amend the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) regulations by consolidating and updating existing regulations in three different subparts of the CSRS regulations and 5 CFR 845 in the FERS regulations to eliminate duplication of the provisions governing debt collection. This item is for subpart E of the new part 835, which will address collections of Government claims from payments made by OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/05/92	57 FR 45753
NPRM	12/00/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4035. RETIREMENT; COURT ORDERS AWARDING SURVIVOR ANNUITIES; CORRECTING OR SUPPLEMENTING THE FIRST ORDER DIVIDING MARITAL PROPERTY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347; 5 USC

8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 838 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations would establish standards for determining which supplemental or correcting court orders are not "modifications" and the procedures applicable to such orders. They also provide for the continuation

of the former spouse's survivor coverage and the reduction in the retiree's annuity until the State court decides the extent of the former spouse's rights to retirement benefits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/99	
Final Action	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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Government Levels Affected: None

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4036. FEDERAL EMPLOYEE'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM: MISCELLANEOUS CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8716

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 870 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations include a group of changes to FEGLI regulations that will clarify procedures for signing and witnessing designations of beneficiary, accepting designations of beneficiary by facsimile, accepting DNA evidence to establish paternity, etc.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/98	
Final Action	03/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4037. STUDENT EDUCATIONAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** EO 13024; 5 USC

3301; 5 USC 3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 213; 5 CFR 315;

5 CFR 316

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM is issuing interim regulations permitting students participating in the Student Career Experience Program to be noncompetitively converted to term appointments and subsequent career/career-conditional appointments to implement E.O. 13024. These regulations will also reorganize the current information on the student programs and clarify a few related issues.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/02/97	62 FR 63627
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206–AH82

4038. APPOINTMENT OF NON-STATUS EMPLOYEES (USERRA)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC

3302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 213 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: To permit Schedule A appointments of excepted service employees who are entitled to

placement in a different agency if their original employing agency cannot reemploy them following uniformed service. Implements Pub. L. 103-353 (Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/30/95	60 FR 55173
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4039. TIME-IN-GRADE RESTRICTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC

3302; EO 10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 300 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Eliminates requirement that employees serve 1 year in grade to be eligible for promotion above the GS-5 level. This is separate from the qualifications requirement for 1 year experience at the next lowest grade or equivalent for promotion.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/15/94	59 FR 30717
NPRM Comment Period End	01/10/95	60 FR 2546
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4040. TEMPORARY AND TERM EMPLOYMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC

3302; EO 10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 316 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Changes non-permanent appointment types and procedures to be consistent with newly expanded delegation of examining authority to agencies.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/09/96	61 FR 47450
NPRM Comment Period End	12/31/96	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4041. PROMOTION AND INTERNAL PLACEMENT; ACCELERATED QUALIFICATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3301; 5 USC

3302; 5 USC 3329

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 316; 5 CFR 335;

5 CFR 338

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM will issue final regulations on Accelerated Qualifications only to authorize agencies to establish intensive training programs for acquiring qualifications at an accelerated rate. A new regulatory proposal on Merit Promotion will be developed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/20/96	61 FR 6324
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4042. MORATORIUM ON INVOLUNTARY SES REASSIGNMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 3395 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 317 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The interim regulations will clarify the existing regulatory provision at 5 CFR 317.901 covering the statutory 120-day moratorium on involuntary reassignments of SES career appointees

following the appointment of a new agency head or noncareer supervisor. As agency transitions began to get underway after January 20, 1997, agency questions revealed that the moratorium regulations could be subject to an interpretation not intended by the statute. The interim regulations will make it clear that an agency may effect an involuntary reassignment, based on an unsatisfactory rating issued before the appointment that initiates the moratorium, as an exception to the moratorium.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/24/98	63 FR 34257
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Bede Bender, Office of Executive Resources, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Room 6484, Washington, DC 20415

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4043. JOB LISTINGS; FULL CONSIDERATION OF DISPLACED DEFENSE EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 3329; PL 102-484, sec 4432

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330; 5 CFR 335

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Requires agencies to report to OPM announcements of vacancies for which they will accept applications from outside their own work forces. Requires agencies to give full consideration to displaced DOD employees, Pub. L. 102-484, 5 U.S.C. 3329.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/08/93	58 FR 18139
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Ed McHugh, Employment Service, Office of

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4044. ● FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR DC EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 105-33 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 330 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Requires agencies to accord priority consideration to displaced District of Columbia, Department of Corrections employees separated as a result of the closure of the Lorton Correctional complex.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/04/98	63 FR 41387
Final Action	02/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4045. REDUCTION IN FORCE AND VACANT POSITIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1302

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 351 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Clarifies agency policy on reduction in force offers of assignment to vacant positions to satisfy an employee's assignment right under section 5 CFR 351.701 or in lieu of separation by reduction in force.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/13/98	63 FR 26531
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4046. REDUCTION IN FORCE SERVICE CREDIT; RETENTION RECORDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 3502a CFR Citation: 5 CFR 351 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Covers service credit for retention purposes, and access to retention records by employees and their representatives.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/14/98	63 FR 43640
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4047. RESTORATION TO DUTY FROM MILITARY SERVICE OR COMPENSABLE INJURY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8151; 38 USC

4301

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 353 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Restoration rights of Federal employees who leave employment to perform duty with the uniformed services, implementing the USERRA of 1994, 48 USC chapter 43.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/01/95	60 FR 45650
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG02

4048. OFFICIAL DUTY STATION DETERMINATIONS FOR PAY PURPOSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5305; 5 USC 5304; 5 USC 5941; EO 10000; PL 101-

509, sec 404

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 530; 5 CFR 531;

5 CFR 591

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations clarify the location-based pay entitlements of Federal employees who are detailed or temporarily assigned to work at a new location. In particular, the regulations provide that, for employees receiving limited relocation allowances under 5 U.S.C. 5737 during temporary assignments, the new location is the official duty station for pay purposes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/09/97	62 FR 25423
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4049. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REDEFINITION OF THE NORFOLK, MA, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA

Priority: Info./Admin./Other **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5343

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 **Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: OPM plans regulatory actions to abolish the Norfolk, MA,

nonappropriated fund (NAF) wage area and to redefine (1) Norfolk, Plymouth, and Suffolk Counties in MA to the Middlesex, MA, NAF wage area and (2) Barnstable and Nantucket Counties in MA to the Newport, RI, wage area. This change is necessary because the closing of the wage area host activity, Naval Air Station, South Weymouth, MA, left Norfolk County without an activity having the capability to conduct a wage survey.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/23/96	61 FR 49649
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4050. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REDEFINITION OF THE MARION, IN, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE **AREA**

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM plans regulatory actions to abolish the Marion, IN, nonappropriated fund (NAF) wage area and to redefine (1) Grant, Miami, Allen and Marion Counties, IN, to the Greenville-Montgomery, OH, NAF wage area (2) Martin County, IL, to the Hardin-Jefferson, KY, NAF wage area and (3) Vermilion County, IL, to the Lake County, IL, NAF wage area. This change is necessary because the closing of the wage area host activity, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, left Marion County without an activity having the

capability to conduct a wage survey.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/10/96	61 FR 47661
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No **Government Levels Affected: None**

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4051, HOLIDAY AND PREMIUM PAY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 5548; 5 USC 6133; 29 USC 204(f)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 523; 5 CFR 550;

5 CFR 551; 5 CFR 610 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulations implement recent changes in law which provide authority for compensatory time off for prevailing rate (wage) employees in lieu of overtime pay and agency flexibility in determining the "in lieu of" holiday for employees on compressed work schedules when the actual holiday for the employee is on a nonworkday. A current regulation is also corrected to comply with a provision of law authorizing use of alternative work schedules for civilian nonappropriated fund employees of the Armed Services.

Timetable:

Action	Date FR Cite	
Interim Final Rule	05/23/97 62 FR 2835	
Final Action	02/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4052. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS: ABOLISHMENT OF LUBBOCK NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim rule to abolish the Lubbock, Texas, nonappropriated fund (NAF) Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area and to establish a new Curry, New Mexico,

NAF wage area.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/27/97	62 FR 28978
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4053. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS: ABOLISHMENT OF THE ORLANDO, FL, APPROPRIATED FUND WAGE

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim rule to remove the requirement that a fullscale wage survey be conducted in the Orlando, Florida, Federal Wage System appropriated fund wage area in September 1997.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/03/97	62 FR 51759
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4054. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REMOVAL OF UMATILLA COUNTY, OR, FROM SPOKANE, WA, NONAPPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim rule to remove Umatilla County, Oregon, from the area of application of the Spokane, Washington, nonappropriated fund Federal Wage System wage area.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/23/97	62 FR 66973
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4055. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; ABOLISHMENT OF KANSAS CITY, MO, SPECIAL WAGE SCHEDULE FOR PRINTING POSITIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing an interim rule to abolish the Federal Wage System Special Wage schedule for printing positions in the Kansas City, Missouri, wage area. Printing and lithographic employees in Kansas City will now be paid rates from the regular Kansas City wage schedule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/24/97	62 FR 67258
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4056. PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REDEFINITION OF THE ORLANDO, FL, APPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREA

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) is issuing an interim rule to redefine Orange, Osceola, Seminole, and Volusia Counties, FL, from the Orlando wage area to the area of application of the Jacksonville, FL, Federal Wage System (FWS) wage area.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	02/09/98	63 FR 6471
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4057. ● PREVAILING RATE SYSTEMS; REDEFINITION OF PHILADELPHIA, PA, AND NEW YORK, NY, APPROPRIATED FUND WAGE AREAS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 5343 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 532 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management is issuing a proposed rule to redefine Ocean County, NJ, from the Philadelphia, PA, appropriated fund Federal Wage System wage area to the New York, NY wage area.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/23/98	63 FR 34134
Interim Final Rule	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4058. VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE REPAYMENT WAIVERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-226 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Public Law 103-226 authorizes OPM to waive repayment of a voluntary separation incentive payment if a former employee who accepted the incentive payment is reemployed by an executive agency of the U.S. within 5 years of separation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/09/94	59 FR 55807
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4059. LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS FOR ANNUAL LEAVE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5553 **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 550, subpart L

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Technical and Miscellaneous Civil Service Amendments Act of 1992 (Pub. L. 102-378, October 2, 1992) created a new provision, 5 U.S.C. 5553, to provide OPM with regulatory authority for administering lump-sum payments for annual leave.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/29/97	62 FR 40475
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4060. ● HAZARDOUS DUTY PAY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5545(d); 5 USC

5548(b)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550, subpart I

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations establish a new 8 percent hazard pay differential category for General Schedule employees who commute daily to a

worksite more than 3900 meters in altitude from their residences at a substantially lower altitude.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/30/98	63 FR 35543
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4061. PAY ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL); COLLECTION BY OFFSET FROM INDEBTED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 5514 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550, subpart K

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OPM plans regulatory changes to salary offset regulations which are needed to comply with changes required by or resulting from Public Law 103-134

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/16/98	63 FR 18850
NPRM Comment Period End	06/15/98	
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4062. ● RETENTION ALLOWANCES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5754

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 575 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations provide agencies with discretionary authority to pay retention allowances of up to 10 percent of an employee's rate of basic pay (or up to 25 percent with OPM approval) to a group or category of employees in certain limited circumstances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/23/98	63 FR 34119
NPRM Comment	08/24/98	
Period End Final Action	11/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4063. COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE IN NONFOREIGN AREAS: SURVEY RESULTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5941

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management will issue regulations implementing any increases in nonforeign area cost-of-living allowance (COLA) rates indicated by COLA survey results. Section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, provides for the payment of nonforeign area cost-of-living allowances (COLA's) in Alaska, Hawaii, and other nonforeign overseas areas. The Office of Personnel Management conducts living-cost surveys to set COLA rates. Reductions in nonforeign area COLA rates are prohibited by the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Act, 1992, as amended, through December 31,

2000, and will not be proposed during the restricted period.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Winter 1995 Report	02/02/96	61 FR 4070
Interim Final Rule	03/25/97	62 FR 14188
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4064. ◆ COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCES IN NONFOREIGN **AREAS: SURVEY RESULTS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 5941 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 591 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Office of Personnel Management will issue regulations implementing any increases in nonforeign area cost-of-living allowance (COLA) rates indicated by COLA survey results. Section 5941 of title 5, United States Code, provides for the payment of nonforeign area cost-of-living allowances (COLA's) in Alaska, Hawaii, and other nonforeign overseas areas. The Office of Personnel Management conducts living-cost surveys to set COLA rates. Reductions in nonforeign area COLA rates are prohibited by the Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government Appropriations Act, 1992, as amended, through December 31, 2000, and will not be proposed during the restricted period. OPM is also broadening the composition of the Miscellaneous Expense Category to allow the addition of other types of expenses to that category.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Winter 1995 Report	02/02/96	61 FR 4070
Interim Final Rule	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4065. EMERGENCY LEAVE TRANSFER PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 6391 **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 630, subpart K

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 9004 of Pub. L. 105-18, June 12, 1997, added section 6391 to title 5, United States Code, to provide that in the event of a major disaster or emergency, as declared by the President, that results in severe adverse effects for a substantial number of employees, the President may direct the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to establish an emergency leave transfer program under which an employee in any Executive agency may donate annual leave for transfer to employees of his or her agency or to employees in other agencies who are adversely affected by such disaster or emergency. The Act also permits agency leave banks established under 5 U.S.C. 6362 to donate leave under an emergency leave transfer program established by OPM.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/03/97	62 FR 59301
Final Action	01/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4066. RETIREMENT; COVERAGE— **NONAPPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITIES**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 841; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 843; 5

CFR 844; 5 CFR 847

Legal Deadline: Final, Statutory,

August 9, 1996.

Abstract: These regulations implement the provisions of Pub. L. 104-106 which allow certain employees who have been employed by non-appropriated fund instrumentalities under the jurisdiction of the armed forces to obtain retirement credit under limited circumstances.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/09/96	61 FR 41714
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Cynthia Reinhold, Retirement and Insurance Service, Retirement Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 204415

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4067. COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN **EMPLOYEES OF DC**

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC 8361(g); PL 105-33, sec 11202(f),

11232(e), 11246(b)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 837; 5 CFR 842; 5 CFR 846; 5 CFR 870; 5

CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement provisions of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 that require that nonjudicial employees of the District of Columbia Courts, and under certain conditions, the District of Columbia Corrections Trustee and the District of Columbia Pretrial Services. Defense Service, Parole, Adult Probation and Offender Supervision Trustee and their respective employees be considered Federal employees for

purposes of Federal retirement, health, and life insurance coverage.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	09/30/97	62 FR 50995
Comment Period End	12/01/97	
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Patrick Jennings, Retirement and Insurance Service, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415-0001

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4068. RETIREMENT COVERAGE FOR DC FINANCIAL CONTROL BOARD EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 104-8

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 842

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995. They establish standards by which some former Federal employees may carry civil service retirement coverage to employment with the DC Financial Control Board.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	11/15/96	61 FR 58457
Final Action	11/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4069. ● RETIREMENT; LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347; 5 USC

8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831, subpart I; 5 CFR 842, subpart H

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These interim regulations will amend the CSRS Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter regulations and the FERS Law Enforcement Officer, Firefighter, and Air Traffic Controller regulations governing agency and OPM law enforcement officer and firefighter retirement coverage and service credit determinations. These interim regulations will clarify that the authority of an agency head to deny law enforcement officer and firefighter retirement coverage may be delegated to any level within the agency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/00/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4070. RETIREMENT; FERS BASIC ANNUITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8461

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 842, subparts B,

C, D, E, F, G

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These final regulations will amend FERS Basic Annuity regulations governing Eligibility (subpart B), Credit for Service (subpart C), Computations (subpart F), and Alternative Forms of Annuity (subpart G). These regulations have been published at various times in interim final form, and have been affected by statutory changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	01/16/87	52 FR 2061
Interim Final Rule	01/16/87	52 FR 2067
Interim Final Rule	02/11/87	52 FR 4473
Interim Final Rule	02/11/87	52 FR 4479

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/14/87	52 FR 18193
Interim Final Rule	04/08/88	53 FR 11635
Interim Final Rule	02/09/90	55 FR 4598
Final Rule	12/27/90	55 FR 53136
Interim Final Rule	02/19/91	56 FR 6549
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4071. RETIREMENT; FERS ELECTIONS OF COVERAGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 8347(a); 5 USC

8461(g); PL 99-335, sec 301(d)(3)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 846 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations implement title III of the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) Act of 1986, as amended, dealing with the election of FERS coverage by employees under the Civil Service Retirement System and certain other employees. The regulations contain regulatory and interpretative rules concerning employees' eligibility to elect FERS coverage, procedures for electing FERS coverage, and basic benefits based on the service for employees who elect FERS coverage.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	05/21/87	52 FR 19235
Interim Final Rule	09/13/93	58 FR 47821
Interim Final Rule	06/18/98	63 FR 33231
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4072. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR PERIODS OF LEAVE WITHOUT PAY OR INSUFFICIENT PAY

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations that establish a requirement that Federal agencies counsel employees entering nonpay status, or whose pay is insufficient to cover their FEHB premium payments, of the options of continuing or terminating their FEHB coverage, and if continuing, of paying premiums directly on a current basis or incurring a debt to be withheld from future salary. These regulations are intended to ensure employees are fully aware of these alternatives.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	07/22/96	61 FR 37807
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4073. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: DISENROLLMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations authorizing FEHB carriers to disenroll an enrollee when the enrollment reconciliation process results in an unresolved discrepancy between the carrier and the employing office records, and in other

circumstances. Enrollees would have the right to request reconsideration of the carrier action from the employing office.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/28/97	62 FR 63282
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4074. ● FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: CONTRIBUTIONS AND WITHHOLDING

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This interim rule explains implementation of the new Government contribution formula under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program which becomes effective with the contract year beginning in January 1999, pursuant to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/00/98	
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4075. ● FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM: EFFECTIVE DATES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed regulation would adopt January 1st as the effective date for all open season new

enrollment in the Federal Employees

Health Benefits Program.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/31/98	63 FR 46180
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/98	
Final Action	12/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4076. APPOINTMENT, PAY, AND REMOVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 1104(a)(2); 5

USC 1305; 5 USC 3105; 5 USC 3323(b); 5 USC 3344; 5 USC 4301(2)(D); 5 USC

5372; 5 USC 7521 **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 930

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Revises several areas pertaining to the appointment, pay, and

removal of ALJ's.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/23/98	63 FR 8874
Final Action	11/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Carol Bullock, Employment Service, Office of

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4077. ● PROHIBITION OF "GAG CLAUSES" IN THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM

Priority: Info./Admin./Other Legal Authority: 5 USC 8913 CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1609 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulation prohibits FEHB carriers from placing provisions or financial incentives in their contracts with health care providers, provider groups, or health care workers that would limit providers' or health care workers' ability to discuss medically necessary treatment options with Federal enrollees.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/21/98	63 FR 27902
Final Action	10/00/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM)

Long-Term Actions

4078. NONCOMPETITIVE APPOINTMENTS OF CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 42 USC 12651f **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 315; 5 CFR 316

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Permits permanent and indefinite employees of the Corporation for National Service to receive noncompetitive appointments in the competitive service. Implements National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Michael Carmichael, Employment Service, Staffing Reinvention Office, Office of Personnel

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Washington, DC 20415 Phone: 202 606-0830 TDD: 202 606-0023 Fax: 202 606-2329 Legal Authority: 5 USC 43; 5 USC 45 CFR Citation: 5 CFR 430; 5 CFR 451 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulatory changes to comply with legislative reforms in support of the National Performance Review (NPR) recommendations that decentralize performance management and incentive awards programs to the agencies.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4080. PAY ADMINISTRATION; AVAILABILITY PAY FOR CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **Legal Authority:** 5 USC 5545a(h); 5

USC 5548

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 550 Legal Deadline: None Abstract: Regulations on

implementation of availability pay, a new form of premium pay for criminal investigators who are required to work, or be available to work substantial amounts of unscheduled overtime duty based on the needs of the employing agency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	12/23/94	59 FR 66149
Final Action	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Kevin Kitchelt, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, Office of Compensation Administration, 1900 E St. NW., Washington, DC 20415

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RIN: 3206–AG47

4081. SUITABILITY

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 7301; EO 10577; EO 11222

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 731 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, they will be incorporated in

RIN: 3206–AH48

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline

4079. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

requirements.

REFORM

OPM Long-Term Actions

the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we foresee no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527
NPRM	01/05/96	61 FR 394
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4082. PERSONNEL SECURITY AND **RELATED PROGRAMS**

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 3301; 5 USC 3302; 5 USC 7312; 50 USC 403; EO

10450: EO 10577

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 732 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since all of these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, they will be incorporated in the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we see no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule Effective Date	10/17/94	
Next Action Undeter	mined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4083. INVESTIGATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 93-579; 5 USC

552a

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 736 Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: With the abolishment in December 1993 of the Federal Personnel Manual (FPM), certain policies and procedures enunciated in the FPM must be considered for publication in another format. Since all of these policies and procedures are important to continued program operations, they will be incorporated in the Code of Federal Regulations. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has determined that these regulations are significant and require OMB review prior to publication. However, we foresee no significant issues arising from implementation of these changes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	04/23/91	56 FR 18650
Begin Review	10/01/93	
Interim Final Rule	09/16/94	59 FR 47527
Interim Final Rule	10/17/94	
Effective Date		
Next Action Undeterm	ined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4084. ● VOLUNTARY EARLY RETIREMENT AUTHORITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8336(d); 5 USC

814(b)(1)(B)

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 842

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 7001 of Public Law

105-174, the Supplemental

Appropriations and Rescissions Act, FY 1998, provided authority for OPM and agencies to apply special provisions affecting the manner in which voluntary early retirements may be administered and approved for the period from May 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999. The law allows OPM to prescribe regulations which permit the agency, after OPM approval, to determine the scope of voluntary early retirement offers on the basis of one or more organizational units; one or more occupational series or levels; one or more geographic locations; other similar nonpersonal factors; or any appropriate combination of such factors. These regulations implement the temporary provisions of Public Law 105-174.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	06/15/98	63 FR 32595
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No **Government Levels Affected:** None

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4085. DEBARMENTS, CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES, AND **ASSESSMENTS IMPOSED AGAINST PROVIDERS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant Legal Authority: 5 USC 8902a CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890, subpart J

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: These regulations will implement amendments to 5 U.S.C. section 8902a, which authorize OPM to debar health care providers who have committed certain types of legal offenses or program-related violations, from participation in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) and to levy monetary penalties and assessments against individuals who have improperly obtained payments of FEHBP funds. Passage of the proposed legislation will remove

unnecessary administrative constraints on the agency, provide more flexible and less time consuming procedures, and improve OPM's administration of sanctions against unfit health care providers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	10/30/89	54 FR 43939
NPRM	02/04/93	58 FR 7052
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM)

Completed Actions

4086. CLAIMS COLLECTIONS STANDARDS; DEBT COLLECTION ACT OF 1982; SALARY OFFSET

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 179

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/06/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 3206-AG64

4087. APPOINTMENT OF NONCITIZENS IN THE EXCEPTED SERVICE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 213.3102(bb)

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/04/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4088. MERIT PROMOTION AND INTERNAL PLACEMENT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 316; 5 CFR 335;

5 CFR 338

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	08/13/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No Government Levels Affected: None

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4089. REDUCTION IN FORCE; RETREAT RIGHTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 351

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	06/15/98	63 FR 32593
Final Action Effective	07/15/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: ${
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Government Levels Affected: Federal

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4090. REDUCTION IN FORCE AND MANDATORY TEMPORARY EXCEPTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 351

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/13/98	63 FR 26421
Final Action Effective	06/12/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

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4091. TRAINING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 5 CFR 410

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	08/17/98	63 FR 43867
Final Action Effective	09/16/98	

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Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None Agency Contact: Judith Lombard

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4092. PERFORMANCE RATINGS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 430; 5 CFR 534

OPM Completed Actions

Completed:

Reason Date FR Cite Final Action 10/05/98 63 FR 53275 Final Action Effective 11/04/98

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No **Government Levels Affected: None**

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4093. REVISED APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT UNDER CSRS AND

FERS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant **CFR Citation:** 5 CFR 831; 5 CFR 844

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/08/98	63 FR 17049
Final Action Effective	05/08/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4094. FEHBP: REMOVAL OF MINIMUM SALARY REQUIREMENT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other CFR Citation: 5 CFR 890

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	05/27/98	63 FR 28891
Final Action Effective	06/26/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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BENEFITS PROGRAM; IMPROVING CARRIER PERFORMANCE; CONFORMING CHANGES

4095. FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

CFR Citation: 48 CFR 1609; 48 CFR

1632; 48 CFR 1652

Completed:

Reason Date FR Cite Final Action 10/15/98 63 FR 55336 Final Action Effective 11/16/98

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Procurement: This is a procurementrelated action for which there is no statutory requirement. There is no paperwork burden associated with this

Government Levels Affected: None

action.

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